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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 8 Percent in November

HARRISBURG, PA, Jan 3, 2011 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during November 2010 totaled 113.7 million pounds, up 8 percent from November 2009, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 106.6 million pounds live weight, was up 17 percent from November 2009. Total head slaughtered was 86,000, up 17 percent from the same month last year. Live weight averaged 1,250 pounds, unchanged from last year. Veal production was 4.1 million pounds live weight, down 7 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 9,500 head was down 7 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 428 pounds.

Pork production was 66.9 million pounds live weight, up less than 1 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 253,900, down less than 1 percent from November 2009. Average live weight increased 2 pounds to 264 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during November 2010 was 315,000 pounds live weight, up 2 percent from November 2009. The number slaughtered was 3,200, up 7 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 98 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in November 2010 totaled 4.33 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in November 2009. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.24 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 4 percent below November a year ago.

Pork production totaled 2.07 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was down slightly from November 2009.

January-November 2010 commercial red meat production was 44.7 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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